



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 3

Meeting Date: November 15, 2010
Meeting Location: Joy Rose Center
1000 W. Hively Avenue
Elkhart, IN

Council Members Present: Fay Russell, Regional Manager; Michael Carroll, Director Marshall County DCS; Tony Sommer, Director Elkhart County DCS; Peggy Shively, Director Kosciusko County DCS; William Horton, Elkhart County DCS; Janet Imel, proxy for Magistrate Deborah Domine; Linda Cioch, Director St. Joseph County DCS; Amanda Herendeen, Kosciusko County DCS

Council Members Absent: Judge Duane Huffer, Kosciusko County Superior Court; Judge Curtis Palmer; Magistrate Deborah Domine, Elkhart County Circuit Court; Judge Peter Nemeth; Joe Wine, Foster Parent; Teresa Zornig, St. Joseph County DCS; Sally Mahnken, CASA Kosciusko County

Others In Attendance: Rachel Tobin-Smith, SCAN; Janet Rathberger, DCS; Aretha Green, Regional Service Coordinator; Bob Girard, Elkhart County; Charles Whetstone, Director of Probation St. Joseph County; Todd Kelly, White's Residential; Bonnie Raine, Oaklawn; Bonita Schrock, Oaklawn; Pat Hancock, FCC; Jill Hendricks, Whitington; Millie McDonald, Whitington; Bill Stephan, Bowen Center; Rhonda Gipson-Willis, FCC; Shelly Ambroziak; Marzy Bauer, YWCA; Candy Yoder, CAPS; Mary Kowalski, FCC; Jan Lanning, Oaklawn; Dennis Wimer, Lutheran Child & Family Services; Debbie Branfield, Crossroad; Cort Eyer, Lifeline; Lisa Smith; Emily Robinson Johnson, Oaklawn, Tony Jeffers, SAFY; Millie McDonald, Whitington; Jim Hendricks, Whitington; Jean Reed, Dockside; Rachel Bowers, Lifeline; Scott Barlag, Cedarbridge; Amy Knoblock, White's Residential.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Fay Russell

1. Welcome/Introductions of Members and Guests.
2. Approval of the Minutes. Minutes from 10-18-10 reviewed. No corrections. Peggy Shively motioned approval of the minutes and Tony Sommer seconded. Vote taken. All in favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.
3. Community Partners Update. Rachel Tobin-Smith reported that local prevention dollars are at 22.68% YTD which is under the 25% YTD projected. Community Partners are at 26.66% should be at 25% YTD. Rachel will be monitoring these dollars closely. Enrollments were reviewed and discussed. 1st quarter data with outcomes will be coming out from the State shortly. It was noted that I & R's do not appear in the State's statistics. Rachel stated there are many more enrollments, serving more this year, 107 compared to 102 last year. There is not enough money for all the referrals. We are now allocating a certain amount of referrals a month to ensure the money lasts.

4. Regional Budget Update. Fay Russell provided a budget report for October 2010. Foster placements have increased, and institutional placements have decreased. Reimbursements continue to be down. Fay asked that the minutes reflect an answer to Judge Nemeth's question regarding the skyrocketing costs for Probation in August. This was due to an appeal for payment made by the provider KidsPeace for back payment, submitted over 60 days from the date of service. Once approved, payment was issued in August.

5. Service Update. Fay Russell introduced Aretha Green, Regional Service Coordinator. Aretha stated that the audit review process was started last week on randomly selected providers and the results will be available to those providers in 60 days. Six service providers a quarter will be randomly selected to undergo the reviews. Fay Russell stated that the RFP letter should have been received by the providers. Posting of the Request for Proposals will occur on December 1st on the DCS website www.in.gov/dcs. A Pre-Proposal Conference is being held in Indianapolis on December 2nd.

6. County Update. Peggy Shively, Director Kosciusko County, reported that one of the new FCM's has started and the other will be finished with training soon.

Linda Cioch, Director Saint Joseph County, reported that they have hired two new supervisors, Heidi Trenerry and Chandra Patton.

Michael Carroll, Director Marshall County, reported that his office is dealing with an increase in assessments.

7. Other Business. Fay Russell reported that DCS held a Judicial Permanency Training at the St. Joseph County Office. Fay complemented Judge Nemeth on the coordination of the meeting. Fay noted that the Saint Joseph County Juvenile Probation Department is piloting the Choices Program.

Mary Kowalski, FCC, reported to the council that her agency is having billing issues. Fay Russell asked that any provider having issues with coding errors to please email her. Fay stated that we are committed to resolving this issue, and Indianapolis has been very responsive.

Peggy Shively motioned to adjourn and Tony Sommer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:52a.m.

Next RSC Meeting
Monday December 20, 2010
Juvenile Justice Center
Atrium
1000 S. Michigan Street, South Bend, IN